a Task Force which recommended that —

(1) Every drug manufacturing unit should have minimum testing facilities.

(2) strict control over licensing of drug formulations.

(3) strengthening of the Inspectorate staff in the States.

(4) establishment of a separate intelligence machinery to tackle the problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs.

(5) constitution of special courts deal with the offences under Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Its recommendations were communicated to the State Governments and the State Governments have been requested repeatedly to give effect to the recommendations. A proforma has been prescribed for monthly submission of reports by the State Drug Controllers and the States Governments have been requested to send monthly reports on drawal of samples and analysis of them. These reports are consolidated and commented upon. Also a list of equipment necessary for drug testing laboratories has been communicated to the State Units and the State Governments have been requested to equip their laboratories accordingly. On 22nd February, 1986 a meeting of the State Health Ministers was held exclusively to discuss matters relating to implementation of Drugs & Cosmetics Act and the P. F. A. Act. At the meeting, the Health & Family Welfare Minister urged the State Health Ministers to strengthen and the drug control machinery with the object of putting down production, distribution and sale of sub-standard and spurious drugs.

Finding of ostrich shells in the rann of Kutch

272. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Times of India of the 17th January, 1986 wherein it has been stated that a team of researchers has found ostrich shells in the Rann of Kutch during the course of archeological survey Similar found in Nagda in Madhya Pradesh. Chandersal in Rajasthan and in Pune; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The leader of the team has been addressed for furnishing the details which will be made available to the Hon'ble Members.

Opening of model schools

273. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 55 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the phasing for opening of model schools in every district of the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government also propose to consider request from the private institutions regarding opening of model schools subject to the fulfilment of the conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: (a) and (b) The Government intends to establish one model school in each district during the Seventh Plan period by covering on an average about 100 districts each year depending on the availability of suitable offers for locating the new schools from the State Governments concerned.

(c) No, Sir. An autonomous organisation is being set up under Government